



## RCR 2012 Senior Games

Are you ready?!! It's that time of year again. The RCR Senior Games begin soon and here are the dates you need to put on your calendar.

January 31 thru February 2, 10 AM - noon .... Registration in the Lounge.

Registration forms will be available on-line at [www.royalcoachmanresort.net](http://www.royalcoachmanresort.net) or in the Lounge during registration.

February 17th 10 AM - noon.....T-Shirt and name tag pickup in the Card Room.

February 13th - pre-game activities start and this year include Tennis, Horseshoes Singles and Duplicate Bridge.

February 18th - the Games will begin, and will run

thru Saturday, February 25th.

February 26th 4:30 PM - The Awards Banquet will be held in the Rec. Hall. Remember that all games and events are played according to "RCR Rules". If you are not familiar with the way the game or event is played here at RCR, then you are encouraged to play before you register for the Senior Games. The coaches establish the rules and their say is final.

If you register for a team event and then discover you cannot attend, please let the coach know. Not showing up for a registered event is very disruptive. We hope to see you there.

*Paul Kelley*



## Senior Games Beginnings

When Hal Scott introduced the idea of an Olympic type competition for the residents of our park 11 years ago, nobody could have predicted how it would mushroom to become the event of the year.

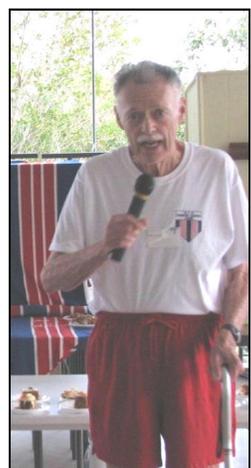
That first year there were just over 100 participants. About 1/3 of what it is today. It was a learning process for everybody. A woman won a gold medal by throwing a discus just about five feet. It happens she was the only lady entrant for that event in the 70-75 year-old category.

Since then many more events are scheduled from the traditional opening walk around the park to the great banquet celebrating all the medals that have been won.

One thing you can say about our athletes; "Can't do"

is not in their vocabulary. Every event has seniors of all age groups participating. And the nice thing is that there is something for everyone....no matter what the physical limitations are. Anyone can throw a bean bag...even sitting in a wheel chair. Bridge and other card games exercise the grey cells and for some the most challenging are the spelling bee and trivia.

Just one more thing that makes our park so special.



Hal Scott—Founder



# News Around the Park



**Regina Kelley**  
Activities Director

## Special Feb. Events

Super Bowl Sunday is BYO beginning at 6 PM in the Clubhouse; bring goodies to share with your friends.

Dance the night away with your sweetheart at the Valentine's Day Dance! If it's February it must be time for the Senior Games - registration ends at Noon on Thursday, Feb.

2nd. Make sure that you have marked your events on your

calendar since there is nothing more disconcerting than having an empty spot at an event.

Don't forget to pick up your Nametag and Games shirt on Friday, Feb. 17th before Noon. The events are sure to be exciting! Remember that every event is open to spectators.

Diva and the Italian Guy is our special show this month; be sure to see and hear their musical dialogue on Monday, Feb. 27th. I cannot emphasize enough the value of marking your calendar, checking the Encore TV channel for updates, and reading notices posted on bulletin boards

Regina Kelley

## GOING ONCE ! GOING TWICE ! GONE !!!

Such were the words heard at least 80 times at the Fun Auction on January 14. Residents were lined up way before 8 a.m. to enter their items for sale.

Dave Jones and his crew tried to hold the items to no more than 75, but it happened that 88 items were accepted before residents and their items were turned away at 8:45.

Although there were a few items that generated no bidding (a couple TV sets, for instance), the total dollars spent at the auction came to \$1,302. Among the items generating the highest bids were a three wheel bicycle for \$105, a compressor for \$97, a 15 speed bicycle for \$71, a wicker coffee table for \$61, a jelly cabinet for \$55, a compact refrigerator for \$50.

Residents purchased the rest of the bargains ranging

from \$1 to \$40 including vacuum cleaners, golf clubs, chairs, lamps, pictures, telephones, heaters, etc. etc, etc.

The next auction will be Saturday, February 11. Items will be accepted from 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. or until 75 items have been entered. So... come with your items to be auctioned off, and/or come with money (small bills, please) to bid and buy. The auction begins at 9:00.



Mary Jane Franklin

## The Real Macaw

Regina Kelley has put together all the copies of "The Real Macaw" that were published in the last 12 years.

Looking through the newsletters is like reading history. Twelve years ago Royal Coachman was privately owned by the Levine family. The history of the changes are recorded by each new manager over the years.

There actually was a real macaw. His name was Zack and he lived in a six foot high cage on the veranda. He delighted the children who came to visit by saying "hello...hello" as they walked by. If you look through the archives you will find a photo of him.

The book is in the Lounge. Ask Regina to see it. You'll find it interesting.

## New York Party

Come and join in the fun at the New York Party!! A great pot roast dinner is being catered by Dutch Heritage AND cherry pie for dessert!

Doo Wop Denny keeps the party moving and there will be a raffle and baskets to win.

That's Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Doors open at 5:00 and dinner is at 5:30. Tickets are \$16.00 per person and are on sale in the library. Everyone is welcome!

Betsy Harden, Chair

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## Message from the Manager



*Jason Rosenberg  
Park Manager*

I hope that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. I would like to thank everyone that delivered cookies, candy and fudge to the office for Christmas. We really enjoyed the treats and the gesture!

**Our 2012-13 Park Model and RV rates have been approved and are available in the office.**

The Capital Improvement Plan for 2012 has cleared the first ap-

proval hurdle. I hope to start the contract process by the end of March.

Please remember to obey the speed limit in the resort and through the s-curve. People are still driving too fast as they approach the gate.

We have upgraded the lights at the gate and in front of the resort map. This should make it much easier to navigate through the main access into the resort.

Have a great month!

*Jason Rosenberg*

## Residents Association News

January is such a super month (when the weather cooperates) here at RCR. Most everybody has returned to the park; old relationships are renewed; and new relationships are formed. All the activity groups begin their projects that result in the fine work we see in the March Craft Show. Work is begun by your Residents Association Board to hold its annual election and its annual meeting. Tennis is in full swing and the Anglers Club starts scheduling excursions into the gulf. There are so many things to do here it is difficult to choose.

However, we have two major problems that we have to deal with here. The first is property crime. Besides the mailroom robbery, which is under investigation by the Sheriff's office as a Federal crime, we have had some cars broken into and a couple of bikes stolen. I know we all feel safe in here; but, it is necessary for us to lock our cars and lock our units. Every break-in that I have heard of has been into un-locked vehicles or units. Please, don't help the bad guys. LOCK UP!

Our second major problem continues to be speeding and discourteous behavior on the streets in the park. None of us wants to be the one to have to call 911 due to a serious accident here. And remember, there are two victims in such an accident; the person who is hit and the person who does the hitting. I know I don't want to have a vehicular homicide case hanging over my head. So let's all be smart and slow down, pay attention, and share the road. We'll all be the better for it.

February is right around the corner and RCR Senior Games return to everyone's delight. I hope we have the largest participation ever and everyone does well. This could be the greatest year ever here at RCR if we all do our part.



*Kerry Gonnam  
Board President*

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### Driving the Car, Riding the Bike, or Walking



We all have a minimal amount of space that has to be shared.

To drive our cars, ride our bikes, or walk.

Because of the shared space it is necessary for ALL of us, no matter what we are doing

To be OBSERVANT, CAREFUL, & CONSIDERATE of others.

There is a GREAT potential for a serious accident if we don't do this.

PRACTICE 10 — PRACTICE 10 — PRACTICE 10

BECAUSE THAT IS THE PARK SPEED LIMIT!






## More...News Around the Park

### Pine Beetles attack park trees

Some of us returned this fall to an unpleasant surprise – a number of our beautiful slash pines were cut down this summer and fall. The reason: pine beetles. There are several species of pine beetles active in Florida. The most likely culprit working here is the southern pine beetle.



There is no real effective control of the pine beetles, and when conditions are right, they colonize and destroy huge numbers of trees. If you have traveled in the northeast or Colorado, you may have seen hundreds of acres of dead pines on the mountainsides.

The attacked trees seem to die very suddenly – sometimes within a week or so. They have probably been under attack for a longer time, but finally reached crisis stage and turned brown quickly.

The beetles are not the cause of death for the trees. The beetles attack aging, diseased, dense or drought-stricken trees. They accelerate the death of already distressed trees. The local extension office, and Master Gar-

dener Elaine Pardey, say the recommended response to pine beetle infestation is to remove dead trees immediately. If dead trees are allowed to remain, the beetles will move from one to the next.

There are currently several trees in the park awaiting removal. It is important that you inspect your trees, and notify the office immediately if you see your pine trees turning brown. Jason and the maintenance staff are keeping a close eye on the number of trees affected.

To learn more about the pine beetle infestation, check these recommended websites:

- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ig147>
- <http://news.ufl.edu/1996/07/03beetle-2/>
- <http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/CommHortPubs/Pine%20Bark%Beetles2.pdf>

With vigilance and luck, we may be able to save the beautiful pine trees that make RCR such a beautiful place to live.

*Connie Garrison*



### Tony and His Harmonica

Tony Johnson, in his inimitable fashion, has announced that in spite of the lack of demand, the “Harmonica and Friends” show is back.

It will be held on Saturday March 3rd at 7:30 in the clubhouse. The pre show warm-up starts at 7:00, so come early.

Tony will do his magic on the harmonica and will be aided and abetted by The Coachman Dulcimer Trio, Paul Vrakas Quartet, The RCR Chorus, Linda Rogers and Anne Brown on the piano.

There’ll be fun things like quizzes and prizes and rotten old jokes and stories that are Tony’s trademark.

And it’s all FREE! (doesn’t come much cheaper than that!)

A great way to warm up for the variety show.

*Tony Johnson...playing the harmonica at his daughter's wedding..... much to her horror!*

